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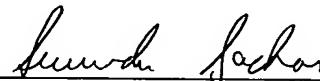
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AO	06-273631	09/30/94	JP(with English abstract)	YES	NO	NO
AP	1-299807	12/04/89	JP(with English abstract)			NO
AQ	3-31309	02/12/91	JP(with English abstract)			NO
AR	60-202110	10/12/85	JP(with English abstract)			NO
AS	2000-66051	03/03/00	JP(with English abstract)			NO
AT	5-119203	05/18/93	JP(with English abstract)			NO
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)						
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- 1) References AP-AT have been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith only when not automatically provided by the International Searching Authority.
- 2) References \_\_\_\_\_ have been cited in the corresponding \_\_\_\_\_ Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References AO are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted here with.
- 4) Reference \_\_\_\_\_ is additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

### EXPLANATION OF EACH DOCUMENT

#### JP 6-273631

Document 1 discloses an optical waveguide formed by using a UV curing resin essentially consisting of a specific epoxy resin. Document 1 does not disclose components which correspond to the components (A)-(C) and tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl)isocyanurate of the present invention.

#### JP 1-299807

Document 2 discloses a curable resin composition comprising components which correspond to the components (A)-(C) of the present invention as shown as general chemical formulas (I) and (II) on page 1. However, Document 2 does not disclose tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl)isocyanurate of the present invention.

#### JP 3-31309

Document 3 discloses a composition for preparing resin having high refractive index comprising components which correspond to the components (A)-(C) of the present invention as shown as general chemical formulas (A1) and (A2) on page 3.

However, Document 3 does not disclose tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl)isocyanurate of the present invention.

JP 60-202110

Document 4 discloses a composition for high-refractive index resin which comprises components corresponding to the components (A)-(C) of the present invention and which further comprises trimethylolpropane triacrylate as a (meth)acrylate having 3 (meth)acryloyl groups as shown in Example 2 in Table 1 on page 7. However, Document 4 does not disclose tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl)isocyanurate of the present invention as a (meth)acrylate having 3 (meth)acryloyl groups.

JP 2000-66051

Document 5 discloses an optical waveguide which consists of a specific hydrolyzable silane compound composition and which may include Aronix M315 (manufactured by Toa Gosei K.K.), which is a commercial product name of tris (2-acryloyloxyethyl)isocyanurate, as a reactive diluent as described in line 4 of the left column on page 13.

Document 5 also discloses a method for manufacturing an optical waveguide comprising a step of irradiating a composition with radiation via a photomask and curing the composition as shown in Fig.2 on page 17.

However, Document 5 does not disclose components which correspond to the components (A)-(C) of the present invention.

JP 5-119203

Document 6 discloses a method for manufacturing an optical waveguide comprising a step of irradiating a composition with radiation via a photomask and curing the composition as shown in Figs.5 and 8 on page 4. However, Document 6 does not disclose components which correspond to the components (A)-(C) and tris(2-acryloyloxyethyl)isocyanurate of the present invention.